

**BROTHER J. H. PALMER AT CORNELL, ILL.**

After patiently waiting for Our Dear Brother to come and redeem his promise to us, he came on April the 6th and began his work the evening of the 7th. The Brethren had a hall rented and from the very beginning we had good audiences which kept increasing until the hall, although a good sized one, could hardly accommodate all. There were ten precious souls joined our little band; four of these were from the German Baptist Church here, one reclaimed from the G. Bs., four were led into a watery grave on last Sunday to walk in newness of life. One yet to be baptized.

We feel greatly rewarded for our feeble efforts, we had a great many obstacles which tended to block the way towards a better success. One of these obstacles was that we had to move our place of meeting for two nights on account of a dance and a show. Another was our Annual Corporation election in which the main issue was: "Shall we have saloon or no? This year, after sixteen years of no saloon, the people manifested by their ballots to have saloons. The cause of which was soon fastened upon the voters of the Progressive Church by many of our good temperance people; the real cause of it going license was overlooked and so we got the blame, but I am happy to say that the Lord knows, and so do we, that of such a thing we are *not* guilty. The meetings would no doubt continued longer had it not been for the false accusations.

Besides those ten accessions, which we so much appreciate, we were blessed in many other ways. The saints were wonderfully encouraged upon their way Zionward; and no sinner that heard the Brother can truly say that he or she has not been fully won to flee the wrath to come.

So greatly were those meetings appreciated by all that men and women who had not been inside of a church for years attended regularly. The singing was good, aided by an organ which was furnished us free by the owner of the hall. Miss Ella Doughty volunteering to play for us. She being a member of the M. E. Church. The Methodist people very kindly opened up their place of worship to us the two nights we had to give up the hall.

The no church members of this place so much enjoyed the meetings that they made up a collection among themselves amounting to over nine dollars to help pay expenses, which greatly helped the Brethren.

On Monday evening, April the 23rd, we had our love feast; but on account of some of our members not being able to go to the hall, we held the same at the residence of the writer. A good time in the Lord was had by all present. After the feast a choice was had for two deacons; the lot falling on Brother John Baringer and myself; after which we were duly installed by laying on of hands by the elders.

Thus ended one of the most enjoyable times ever had by God's people in Cornell, to my knowledge. Our prayer is that our Dear brother, who so faithfully served us while here, and his family may be abundantly blessed in this life and in the life to come, and also all the dear people of God everywhere.

J. J. VANDERREE.

April 24.

**AT CONEMAUGH, PA.**

It has been some time since I have contributed to our dear Church paper. For the past three weeks we have been very busy, moving, fixing up, and making garden, filling my appointments, and making a goodly number of pastoral visits that I may as early as possible become acquainted with my new field of labor. I find here a kind open hearted and a zealous people. All seem to be full of work, and the Spirit, looking forward encouragingly. I feel that the outlook is good with the interest already manifested, our congregations are large at each service. We expect to enter upon a revival effort in the near future at this place. We ask the prayers of our dear brethren and sisters that we may have a good meeting.

Since I have entered upon my work here, we have had a death in our town that was very sad to the membership and also to others. Disease seized the form of Bro. George Berkebile's little daughter, Zena, and laid it cold in death. Many tears were shed by the father and friends. It was hard to give her up; she seemed to be such a bright jewel. There seemed to be something remarkable about her. She was not quite four years old and while sick she would ask us to sing for her. The family's loss is the dear little bud's gain.

Our separation from our former charge, which I served for three years located in Bedford and Blair Co's., Pa. was a sad one to myself and family when the time came for us to say farewell to our brethren and sisters who so nobly stood by us during our stay with them. Though mountains and rivers are now between us and separate us yet we often speak and think of you. A token of their appreciation of our labors with them was manifested shortly before we left. The good sisters of the Fredericksburg congregation at my last trip to that point presented myself and family with a beautiful quilt complete, upon which is beautifully worked with silk thread 210 names, names of persons who contributed to the making of the quilt. For this we fail to find words to express our thanks. Just a few days before we left for this place the good brethren and sisters of New Enterprise and some members of other churches and some who I believe are members of no church gave us a call in the evening each one bringing something with them to present to myself and family. I was so overpowered with this token

of love I could make no speech, could only say thanks, etc.

I pray the good Lord that He may give us grace sufficient to overcome every trial and at the great day of Judgment we may all meet around His throne and enjoy that happiness He is holding in reserve for His faithful children.

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